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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/16/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7, 12, 21, 22, 25-28 and 34-42 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-7, 12, 21, 22, 25-28 and 34-42 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 8-11, 13-20, 23, 24 and 29-33 have been canceled. Claims 4-7, 12, 21, 22, 25-28 and 34-42 are pending. Any rejection or objection not expressly repeated has been withdrawn. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Double Patenting

Claims 4-7, 12, 21, 22, 25-28 and 34-42 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 19-33 of U.S. Patent No. 6,596,699. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

The claims of '699 are drawn to a medical device with a surface contacting bodily fluids coated with a silyl-heparin covalent complex with a condensate comprising a polycation and nucleic acid directly and non-covalently bound to the heparin. In this case, the nucleic acid is a bioactive molecule. It would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to select any of the claimed devices, one of which is a graft, which is a sub-genus of "wound dressing." Regarding claims 21 and 22, it would be within the scope of the artisan to optimize the value of these variables through routine experimentation. Claims 21-29 are drawn to the preparation of these devices. Regarding claims 27 and 28, the claims do not include the attachment of a second bioactive molecule, such as an antibiotic. However, it would be within the scope of the artisan to add and

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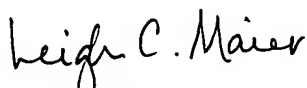
additional bioactive molecule for the combined effects. Regarding antibiotics, the specification expressly describes an antibiotic as a preferred bioactive molecule. The claims do not recite a method of use. However, the use of the particularly claimed medical devices would be obvious to one of ordinary skill.

Examiner's hours, phone & fax numbers

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leigh Maier whose telephone number is (571) 272-0656. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:00 to 3:30 (ET).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Anna Jiang (571) 272-0627, may be contacted. The fax number for Group 1600, Art Unit 1623 is (571) 273-8300.

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